

# AGRIGULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR COMMITTEE December 9, 2014



The meeting of the Green Lake County Agriculture, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Chairperson Maureen Schweder at 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 in the Training Room of the Green Lake County Government Center in Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Maureen Schweder, Chair; Joanne Guden; David Richter, and Michael Stoddard Absent: Nick Toney, Vice-Chair

Staff Present: Jay Dampier, John de Montmollin, Katie Gellings, Nav Ghimire, Kathy Ninneman and

Kim Zills.

Staff Absent: Alyssa Berndt

Others Present: Harley Reabe, County Board Committee Floater; Linda DeNell, Librarian Caestecker Library, Green Lake and Tony Daley, Berlin Journal Newspapers.

#### **AGENDA**

*Motion/second (Stoddard/Richter)* to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

#### **MINUTES**

*Motion/second (Guden/Richter)* to approve the November 11, 2014 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES** – None.

#### **COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT**

Submitted Monthly Report - Written reports on file. Both Princeton and Markesan have Christmas events this weekend. DeNell thanked the Committee for the support from the past year and look forward to working with them again in 2015. The Caestecker Library is busy having the elevator installed as of now.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE** – None.

#### TRUCK/TRACTOR PULL UPDATE

Zills forwarded the last proposal to the Corporation Counsel. It is now complete and she forwarded it also on to Richard Swanke.

*Motion/second (Richter/Guden)* to approve the Truck & Tractor Pull Proposal for 2015. Motion carried.

*Motion/second (Guden/Richter)* to approve the NTPA Truck & Tractor Pull Contract for 2015. Motion carried.

#### FAIR MAINTENANCE STAFF CONTRACT/SCOPE OF WORK

Zills is waiting for approval from the Committee first before mailing to Jahnke and Clark.

Motion/second (Guden/Richter) to approve both of the contracts to send to Jahnke & Clark. Motion carried.

#### **ENTERTAINMENT CONTRACTS**

No contracts for this month.

#### **INFORMATIONAL HANDOUTS**

The Committee received the Annual Report in their monthly packet. Zills received notification regarding the Alliant Energy grant she applied for and has been awarded \$2,000 from Alliant Energy for the Adopt-A-Pen Campaign.

**Motion/second (Guden/Richter)** to authorize Schweder and Toney to sign the Annual Report, after which it is to be sent to the state. Motion carried.

Zills is working with the Farm Bureau to have the Spud Mobile come to the fair. She also presented the Committee a handout with its information.

## REGIONAL UPDATE FROM TOM SCHMITZ, UWEX NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Tom Schmitz, UW-Extension North Central Regional Director, gave the Committee an update on his visits to various county offices in the North Central Region. Schmitz commented that "it is great to see a full office in Green Lake."

- Regional WASAC meeting Minocqua, March 19. Schmitz extended an invitation to the Committee and said more information will follow.
- Yvonne Horton, Associate Dean, is retiring. Annie Jones, will be taking over as Associate Dean.
- Mary Pardee, is the new Regional Associate.
- Megan Wecker is the Mobile Collaboration Network Assistant. She has contacted Ghimire regarding the video conferencing and training in Google.

#### **EDUCATOR REPORT**

Ghimire, Agriculture Agent, presented to the Committee, "Why Nutrient Management for WI Farms?"

#### **Q&A OF EDUCATORS' SUBMITTED MONTHLY REPORT**

Written monthly reports on file for Berndt, Dampier, de Montmollin, Gellings, and Ghimire and were reviewed.

### **APPROVAL OF EDUCATOR OUT OF COUNTY DAYS**

Motion/second (Stoddard/Guden). Approved.

#### **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

None.

#### **VOUCHERS**

*Motion/second (Richter/Guden)* to approve vouchers for Ag/Extension Education as presented totaling \$1,577.25. Motion carried.

Future Agenda Items: Intern Position options

Next Regular Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 in the Training Room at 4:00 p.m.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion/second (Stoddard/Guden) to adjourn at 4:44 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Ninneman Program Specialist